

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 9, 2009 the Office noted that claims 16-35 were pending and rejected claims 16, 17, 27-29 and 31 and objected to claims 18-26, 40 and 32-35. Claims 16, 19 and 29 have been amended, claim 18 has been canceled, and thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 16, 17 and 19-35 remain pending for reconsideration, which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections and objections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 18-26, 30 and 32-35 would be in a condition for allowance if re-written in independent form. The Applicants thank the Office for the consideration given the claims and have taken allowable subject matter by amending independent claims 16 and 29 to include the features of claim 18.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 16, 27-29 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being obvious over Boneh, An Efficient Public Key Traitor Tracing Scheme, Advances in Cryptology - Crypto '99. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

The Applicants have amended independent claims 16 and

29 to include the features of claim 18 which the Office has acknowledged as allowable.

Thus, claims 16 and 29 and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by Boneh.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Boneh in view of Gazier, U.S. Patent No. 6,880,088. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

Claim 17 is allowable as being dependent from allowable claim 16. Claim 31 is likewise allowable as being dependent from claim 17.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 16, 17 and 19-35 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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